



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

Monday, September 9, 2024

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

Chair English called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 6 - Chair English, Board Member Robinson, Vice Chair McGowan, Board Member Amos, Board Member Broes and Board Member North

Absent 1 - Board Member Eik

Also Present

Staff Liaison Kalev, Board Specialist Price, and Board Specialist Bodmer

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge was led by Board Member North.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. [24-1002](#) Approval of the July 1, 2024 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Chair McGowan, seconded by Board Member Broes, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair English, Board Member Robinson, Vice Chair McGowan, Board Member Amos, Board Member Broes and Board Member North

Absent: 1 - Board Member Eik

6. Presentations

A. [24-1350](#) History of North Port and Review of its Archeological sites.

Chair English announced the item.

Dr. Maranda Kles, President of Archeological Consultants, Inc., provided a presentation regarding archeological resource protection, federal guidelines, and identifying archeological site significance.

Discussion took place regarding subject matter experts.

Presentation continued regarding cultural resource management and types of archeological surveys.

Discussion continued regarding different zones in the City.

Presentation continued regarding local historical surveys and interest in archeological sites.

Discussion continued regarding the various phases of surveys.

Presentation continued regarding nationally registered resources and burial sites within the waterways.

Discussion continued regarding being proactive in surveying sites.

Presentation continued regarding cultural resource management archeology, its significance and its relation to community development, taphonomy or "forensic" archeological work on local sites, differences between middens and push piles and dealing with historical records discrepancies and archeological findings (i.e. finding unexpected human remains or other artifacts).

Dr. Kles concluded her presentation offering encouragement to the committee for their efforts and offered suggestions for future archeological endeavors.

Discussion continued regarding the handling of human remains, financial implications of furthering archeological surveying, securing funding, and collaborating with local academia.

Several questions were posed to Dr. Kles regarding archeological investigation of the Myakkahatchee slew. Liaison advised that he will look into county records and provide an update. Liaison inquired about predictive model usage and the impact on identifying new archeological sites as well as the use of modern technology, such as LYDAR, to guide testing in new areas. Dr. Kles shared her contact information and invited the committee to reach out with any additional questions.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. [23-1089](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding New Recommendations or Advisements to City Commission Pertaining to Preserving and Promoting Wildlife, Habitat Protection, Trees, the City's Natural and Environmental Resources, Tree Planting, and Beautification of Public Spaces

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. Kalev spoke to overview.

Discussion took place regarding water treatment center release from recent storms, past weather and environmentally significant events, future solutions, potential harm to environment, potential presenter, environmental scorecard, and expansion.

- B. [24-0581](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Advising the City Commission on the Significance of Trees for Carbon Sequestration

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. Kalev provided update regarding memorandum.

There was no discussion.

C. [24-0925](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Presentation of MSDS Chemical Products Used by Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. Kalev provided update of tentative presentation before the Commission in November.

There was no discussion.

D. [24-0932](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Presentation of Myakkahatchee Creek Maintenance Access Trail and Debris Removal Project

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. Kalev provided update regarding presentation to Commission and reminded board members that they are welcome to contact Public Works as private citizens with any questions they might have.

Discussion took place regarding access to permits, board approval, memorandum to Commission, and environmentally sensitive areas.

E. [23-1515](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Advising the City Commission on Retention Pond Planting Regulations and Potential Incentives

Chair English announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding retention pond management, City guidelines, preservation resources, and maintaining native vegetation and surrounding areas.

F. [24-0924](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Scheduling a Joint Special Meeting Between the Environmental Advisory Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to Discuss Areas of Shared Interest

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. Kalev advised that there is no current update regarding this joint meeting.

8. New Business

A. [24-1159](#) Discussion and Possible Action on Previous Memos from the Environmental Advisory Board

Chair English announced the item.

There was consensus to continue item No. 24-1159 to the October 7, 2024 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting.

B. [24-1205](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Approval of the 2025 Annual Meeting Schedule

Chair English announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding proposed 2025 meeting schedule.

A motion was made by Board Member Amos, seconded by Vice Chair McGowan, to approve the 2025 schedule as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair English, Board Member Robinson, Vice Chair McGowan, Board Member Amos, Board Member Broes and Board Member North

Absent: 1 - Board Member Eik

9. Future Agenda Items

A. [24-1158](#) Future Agenda Items

Chair English announced the item.

There were no future agenda items.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Chair English adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

By: _____
William "Chuck" English, Chair